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1. BONN GROUP DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR
QUADRIpartite MEETINGS AND "ANNOTATED AGENDA" AT
NOVEMBER 18 MEETING.
2. UK REP (HITCH) REPORTED LONDON'S APPROVAL OF AD REF
COMMUNIQUE TEXT (REF E). ALL FOUR CAPITALS HAVE THUS
GIVEN APPROVAL TO TEXT.
3. BONN GROUP AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING
BERLIN TEXT TO OTHER NATO ALLIES A FEW DAYS BEFORE NATO
MINISTERIAL, FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND NOT FOR
NEGOTIATION. FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID HE DID NOT WISH
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TO BELABOR THE POINT BUT CONTINUED TO DISAGREE WITH US

PROPOSAL THAT OTHER ALLIES BE TOLD COMMUNIQUE TEXT WAS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY "SENIOR OFFICIALS," RATHER THAN BY MINISTERS. HE THOUGHT IT IMMATERIAL THAT THE QUADRIpartite MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 12. AFTER SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING, EACH COULD IF NECESSARY CHECK WITH HIS OWN MINISTER. THE IMPORTANT THING, LUECKING THOUGHT, WAS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IT IS THE FOUR MINISTERS WHO GIVE THE FINAL APPROVAL TO THE BERLIN PASSAGE.

4. BONN GROUP THEN AGREED TO FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT ALL FOUR REPS RECOMMEND THAT, WHEN THE COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING PROCESS STARTS, ONE OF THE FOUR REPS AT NATO SHOULD INTRODUCE THE BERLIN PASSAGE WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT IT IS BEING CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE AT THE REQUEST OF VARIOUS NATO PERMREPS, BUT WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE FOUR MINISTERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE DRAFT "DURING THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING."

5. US AND FRENCH REPS REPORTED AGREEMENT WITH FRG PROPOSAL THAT AMBASSADOR KRAPP PROVIDE A BERLIN BRIEFING IN THE NAC, BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL. UK REP HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT BUT THOUGHT LONDON WOULD REACT FAVORABLY.

6. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID HE HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM PARIS THAT SAUVAGNARGUES IS AGREEABLE TO 2:30 P.M., DECEMBER 12, FOR QUADRIpartite MINISTERIAL MEETING. BOISSIEU ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER THERE WAS A FORMAL US PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A MEETING AT THAT TIME. US REP, ON BASIS OF PARA 2.A., REF (D), SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS A FAIR INTERPRETATION. (COMMENT: BOISSIEU DID NOT EXPLAIN WHAT LAY BEHIND HIS QUESTION. HE WOULD ONLY SAY THAT HE NEEDED TO KNOW WHETHER THE MEETING WAS IN RESPONSE TO A US PROPOSAL AND NOT SIMPLY BEING HELD BY "GENERAL AGREEMENT.")

7. NO REPS HAD ANY PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC TIMING OF SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. IT IS THUS STILL OPEN AS TO WHETHER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 11 OR MORNING
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OF DECEMBER 12.

8. CONSIDERABLE TIME WAS DEVOTED TO DRAFTING OF "ANNOTATED AGENDA" FOR QUADRIpartite MEETINGS. WE EXPECT THAT A REPORTABLE DRAFT WILL EMERGE FROM NEXT BONN GROUP MEETING, TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 20.

9. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO PROPOSAL IN PARA 4,
ABOVE.

B. INDICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE, WHEN
KNOWN, FOR TIMING OF SENIOR LEVEL MEETING.
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